Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for facilitating an enterprise

    change, residing in a computer readable medium, having a plurality of instructions

    stored thereon, which, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to

    perform operations comprising:

executing, via two or more source systems represented by a single logical information

    system, a pre-change due diligence and post-change integration of the enterprise

    change, the enterprise change being at least one of a merger and acquisition, the

    source systems interacting with databases through base system connectors using a

    markup language, the base system connectors including an interface with remote

    function call capability; and

displaying a user interface on a computer display to conduct a merger activity, wherein

    the user interface includes a project management tab providing features to define a

    merger and acquisition project from a merger and acquisition template, the

    features including:

    creating a task force and assigning team members to the task force;

    generating a schedule for the task force to follow;

    generating project proposals to be completed by the task force; and

    publishing information about the task force, schedule, and project proposals to

        one or more stakeholders.

2. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 1 wherein the user

    interface is adapted to allow a stakeholder to plan and manage the merger activity,

    the user interface further adapted to access one or more merger resources.

3. (Currently Amended) A computer program product, residing in a computer readable

medium, having a plurality of instructions stored thereon, which, when executed

by a processor, cause the processor to perform operations comprising:

executing, via a single logical physically distributed information system representing one

or more source systems of at least two enterprises that are being combined, one or

more pre-merger activities, merger activities, and post-merger activities, the

source systems interacting with databases through base system connectors using a

markup language, the base system connectors including an interface with remote

function call capability; and

displaying a user interface on a computer display to access the single logical physically

distributed information system, wherein the user interface includes a project

management tab providing features to define a merger and acquisition project

from a merger and acquisition template, the features including:

creating a task force and assigning team members to the task force;

generating a schedule for the task force to follow;

generating project proposals to be completed by the task force; and

publishing information about the task force, schedule, and project proposals to

one or more stakeholders.

4. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 3, wherein the user

interface is adapted to at least one of a role of the user and a phase of the merger,

wherein the user role comprises an internal expert and an external expert of one of

the enterprises, wherein the internal expert comprises at least one of an executive,

an employee, a manager, an investor, and an owner of one of the enterprises,

wherein the external expert comprises at least one of a consultant and an auditor.

5. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 4, wherein the role of

the user further comprises a stakeholder affected with one or more merger closing

consequences, wherein the one or more merger activities comprise an

organizational restructuring, a personnel redeployment, a merger project

management, a procurement management, a personnel retainment, and an

integration of operational services.

6-23. (Cancelled)

24. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 1, wherein the

markup language is extensible markup language.

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim ~~25~~ 1 wherein the

interface is an encapsulated postscript interface.

27. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 3, wherein the

markup language is extensible markup language.

28. (Cancelled)

29. (Currently Amended)   The computer program product of claim ~~28~~ 3 wherein the
interface is an encapsulated postscript interface.

30. (New) A computer program product for facilitating an enterprise change, residing in

a computer readable medium, having a plurality of instructions stored thereon,

which, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform operations

comprising:

executing, via two or more source systems represented by a single logical information

system, a pre-change due diligence and post-change integration of the enterprise

change, the enterprise change being at least one of a merger and acquisition, the

source systems interacting with databases through base system connectors using a

web service; and

displaying a user interface on a computer display to conduct a merger activity, wherein

the user interface includes a project management tab providing features to define a

merger and acquisition project from a merger and acquisition template, the

features including:

creating a task force and assigning team members to the task force;

generating a schedule for the task force to follow;

generating project proposals to be completed by the task force; and

publishing information about the task force, schedule, and project proposals to

one or more stakeholders.

31. (New) The computer program product of claim 30, wherein the web service includes

simple object access protocol.

32.   (New)   The computer program product of claim 30, wherein the merger and

acquisition template interacts with metadata.

33. (New) The computer program product of claim 32, wherein the metadata is included

in at least one of a database and a repository in a persistence/repository layer.